



Common Road Infant and Nursery School

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Reading at Common Road

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We are currently updating our reading scheme in line with other schools within the country. This reorganisation means that rather than the children reading through the scheme one book after the other, the books are colour banded. A number of Oxford Reading Tree stages and other reading schemes are placed within one particular colour band. The purpose of this book banding is to broaden the child's reading experience. The children will be encouraged to choose their own books from the appropriate band.

The teachers and support staff are unable to hear your child read individually each day. We do many types of reading within the school day such as whole class reading, group reading and guided reading. These activities are carried out in most lessons and thread throughout the school curriculum. In addition reading and writing techniques are taught within a dedicated session known as Letters and Sounds.

As a result your child has reading opportunities every day.

How you can help your child

You can help to further your child's progress by supporting them at home with their reading. If you sign your child's book each time they read we will change the book when they have finished it. Each class teacher will have a special box or table within their classroom for any finished books to be placed. All you need to do is listen to your child read, sign the reading record and encourage your child to put their finished book into the box ready for changing. The class teacher will then monitor your child's progress and move them through the book bands when they consider them to be ready.

If you would like more information about book banding please speak to your child's class teacher or to me.

Thank you for your support, together we can make a difference!

Marie Johnson